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In re Patent Application of)
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Application No.: Unassigned) Examiner: Unassigned
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For: REFRIGERANT COMPOSITIONS))

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after the title, kindly insert the following:

--This application is a divisional of Application No. 09/351,335, filed July 12, 1999, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of PCT/GB98/02079, filed July 15, 1998, which designates the United States.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 5, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;
Claim 6, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;
Claim 9, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;
Claim 10, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;

Claim 11, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--; Please cancel claim 25.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to place them in better condition for U.S. patent practice.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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